

# PHILADELPHIA CITY MISSION.

THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH,  
SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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March, 1828, I removed to this City, and took charge of St. Paul's Church, then under the pastoral care of my lamented Brother, the Rev. Benjamin Allen. I continued in this charge during his absence in Europe for his health, and for some months after his death. In about fifteen months I left this scene of peculiar labor, and speedily entered the field of the City Mission, where the Lord has kindly sustained me to the present moment. TWENTY-ONE YEARS, up to March 1849, have passed since the commencement of my labors in this City.

At the beginning of my Missionary efforts, I was quite alone. I do not remember that there was one Missionary in the whole of this wide field. Soon, however, the public mind was awakened up in some degree to the important subject of City Missions, by David Nasmyth, our philanthropic friend from Scotland. Thus the Philadelphia City Mission was organized, and I was appointed the General Agent. The design was, by the union of various evangelical denominations of Christians, to occupy the entire field presented in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, with devoted Missionaries and Agents. This plan was so far carried out that the whole region was divided into thirty-six districts. In my second annual report, I mention that "during the year, 18 agents have been employed in the labors of the Mission, at different periods." Finally the general plan was superseded in a great measure by the employment of Agents or Missionaries by individual churches or societies. And up to the moment of my writing, there are many laborers thus employed in our region, in the works of benevolence and piety. And a number, if not all, of these Missionary operations may be traced up to the movements of our City Mission as the humble instrument, *in the hands of our Heavenly Father*, of awakening their efforts. *And to Him be all the praise forever. Amen.*

I have been enabled to continue my individual efforts in this field, under the appointment of the City Mission, and

the Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, and the Union Benevolent Society (of which I was the first Agent): then of the Advancement Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and now under the immediate appointment of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Though thus acting under different appointments, &c., the main tendency of my labor has been devoted to the benefit of the bodies, minds, and souls of my fellow-creatures. And the Lord has crowned our feeble efforts with his rich blessing, *and to Him be all the glory forever. Amen.*

The following Reports may give some idea of the character, the amount and probable influence of these labors during EIGHTEEN YEARS, up to March 12th, 1849.

In the course of the <i>thirteenth</i> year I visited	314
families or individuals. I paid	- - - 1,753
visits, - - - - -	- - - 1,723
of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.	

There has been distributed	- - - 22
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Bibles, - - - - -	- - - 35
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New Testaments, - - - - -	- - - 38
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Prayer-books, and - - - - -	- - - 83,081
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pages of Tracts; in which is included	42,136
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pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c., which was prepared by myself and published through the assistance of friends.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I officiated on occasions.	- 251
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I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to persons.	77
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I administered, or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's

Supper on - - - - -	- - - 12
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occasions. I officiated on - - - - -	- - - 105
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Funeral occasions.

In the course of the <i>fourteenth</i> year I visited	248
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families or individuals. I paid	- - - 1,318
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visits - - - - -	- - - 1,307
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of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.

There has been distributed	- - - 13
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Bibles, - - - - -	- - - 7
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New Testaments, - - - - -	- - - 21
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Prayer-books, and - - - - -	- - - 66,805
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pages of Tracts, in which is included	38,196
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pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c., which was published, this year, through the *assistance of a lady*.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I officiated on occasions.	176
I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to persons. I administered, or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on - - - - -	68
occasions. I officiated on - - - - -	8
Funeral occasions.	72
In the course of the <i>fifteenth</i> year I visited families or individuals. I paid visits, - - - - -	252
of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.	1,447
There has been distributed Bibles, - - - - -	1,423
New Testament, - - - - -	11
Prayer-books and - - - - -	1
pages of Tracts, in which is included -	27
pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c.	45,752
In preaching, lecturing, &c., I officiated on occasions.	17,872
I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to persons.	204
I administered or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on occasions.	49
I officiated on - - - - -	14
Funeral occasions.	77
In the course of the <i>sixteenth</i> year I visited families or individuals. I paid visits, - - - - -	231
of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.,	1,293
a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer-books have been distributed, and -	1,276
pages of Tracts; in which is included -	65,900
pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c.	36,700
In preaching, lecturing, &c., I officiated on occasions.	222
I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to persons. I administered or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on - - - - -	82
	14

occasions. I officiated on - - - - 65

Funeral occasions.

In the course of the *seventeenth year*

I visited - - - - 215

families or individuals. I paid - - - 1,080

visits, - - - - 1,036

of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.

A few Bibles and Prayer-Books have been distributed, and - - - - 70,000

pages of Tracts ; in which is included - 47,000

pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening

Prayers for Children and Youth," &c.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 230 occasions.

I administered the Sacrament of Baptism to 81

persons. I administered, or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's

Supper on - - - - 10

occasions. I officiated on - - - - 81

Funeral occasions.

In the course of the *eighteenth year* I visited . 192

families or individuals. I paid - - - 998

visits, - - - - 991

of them to the sick, afflicted, &c.

A few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer-books have been distributed, and - - - 45,870

pages of Tracts ; in which is included 25,700

pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening

Prayers for Children and Youth," &c.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 222 occasions.

I have administered the Sacrament of Baptism to 51

persons. I have administered, or aided in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's

Supper on - - - - 19

occasions. I officiated on - - - - 60

Funeral occasions.

Since the organization of the Mission, the number of visits paid by myself and other Agents is

(at least) - - - - 67,157,

29,744 of these to the sick, afflicted, &c., - 630

Bibles have been distributed, - - - 166

New Testaments, - - - - 472

Prayer-books, and - - - - 1,108,315

pages of Tracts.

To the Lord be all the praise and glory forever.  
Amen.

## Poor's Purse.

During the year ending March 12th, 1844, I distributed from my Poor's Purse on - - 147  
occasions, to - - - - - 96  
families or individuals.

During the year ending March 12th, 1845, I distributed on - - - - - 136  
occasions, to - - - - - 83  
families or individuals.

During the year ending March 12th, 1846, I distributed, on - - - - - 171  
occasions, to - - - - - 115  
families or individuals.

During the year ending March 12th, 1847, I distributed, on - - - - - 248  
occasions, to - - - - - 147  
families or individuals.

During the year ending March 12th, 1848, I distributed, on - - - - - 157  
occasions, to - - - - - 107  
families or individuals.

During the year ending March 12th, 1849, I distributed, on - - - - - 189  
occasions, to - - - - - 108  
families or individuals.

Since the Poor's Purse was opened, there has been dispensed, on - - - - - 6,452  
occasions, to an amount of - - - \$4,709 13½  
Of this amount, - - - - - \$1,451 34  
have been appropriated for Fuel, &c.

The supply of the temporal wants of the poor, I wish to consider as secondary. *The paramount duty is, with reference to the IMMORTAL SOUL.* I still, however, consider it as a great privilege to have my Poor's Purse supplied with reference to peculiar cases, and these may be found in every month in the year. I record the following case:—J. H. signed my Temperance Pledge. Her husband deserted her, and left her with, perhaps, five children—the youngest *twins*. To enable her to remove, and obtain her necessaries, I gave her some money. She was made quite happy at the unexpected relief.

My weekly meetings in my own house, and in the Magdalen Asylum; also my monthly appointment in the Widow's Asylum, have been continued.

The Southern Dispensary continue to me the privilege



of drawing orders for medicine, in favor of such persons as I may find in peculiar circumstances of need in this particular.

The *Temperance Cause* continues to occupy my attention on suitable occasions. I take with me my Temperance Pledge and Certificates, ready for action when opportunities offer. I have 271 names on the Pledge. I again mention the importance of giving to each individual who signs the pledge, a handsome Certificate, which may be placed in a frame, and hung up in the house. This may prove a daily monitor to those who have signed the pledge, and a preacher of temperance to all who visit the house. An intemperate father came to my house and signed my temperance pledge, with his daughter and son. On another occasion, a man and his wife called to sign the pledge; at another time, three men came to my house and signed. I gave Certificates. A person who signed my pledge, informed me of a case it may be well here to record: An intemperate man saw the evil of his course, and felt anxious to turn from his intemperance. He wished to sign a temperance pledge, but he had no opportunity. His wife, perhaps, finally suggested his writing one himself. He wrote a rough pledge, and signed it. He also hung it up in a rough frame in his house. The consequence was, that his affairs were changed and prospered, as he kept his pledge. Finally, the rough pledge was so smoked, and formed such a contrast with the other furniture, that the wife proposed having the pledge taken down. But the reformed man said in substance, No, it was that that benefited or saved him, or brought all the rest.

January 22d, 1846, *J. R.* came to my house and desired me to baptize his two young children. He is about placing them in the Alms House. I urged him, as he was sometimes overcome by drink, at once to take his stand on the side of temperance, and sign the temperance pledge. He finally, *heartily* consented to sign the pledge. He signed, and I gave him a Certificate. This done, I wished him to do one thing more, *to give himself to the service of God*. He was moved to evident feeling. We engaged in prayer. I invited him to my Prayer-meeting in my house on Friday evenings. O Heavenly Father, be pleased to make this the beginning of good things to his immortal soul, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

January 15th, 1846, *John H.* and the blind man whom he attended, came to my house. I candidly mentioned John's having come to me intoxicated some days before.

Finally, John was induced, also the blind man, to sign my temperance pledge. I also prepared a pledge in a book for the blind preacher, 'Thos. S. Gilling, to endeavor to obtain persons to sign.

October 18th, 1845, *W. S.* was sober. He was benefited by the GINGER TEA, *which was taken instead of intoxicating liquors*, when trying to recover from his drunkenness. He is thankful for his preservation, &c. He now trusts he will never take any more ardent spirits. I urged him to give himself up to the service of God; to commence family prayer. May he be kept sober, and be made truly pious, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

October 31st, he seems still to adhere to the temperance pledge. Oh Lord, help him for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The following may afford some encouragement in the Bible, Prayer-book, and Tract cause:

*Samuel Kerr* and his wife have been much interested and comforted in the perusal of the large Bible I left with them.

*Sidney Crosley* has been much blessed with light and comfort, &c., through the instrumentality of her Prayer-book. She takes pleasure in her Bible and Prayer-book.

*Eliza Hill* expressed herself as being happy. She had a comfortable state of mind. She thinks her sins are pardoned, that Jesus is her Saviour, and Heaven her home. Her Prayer-book seems to have been blessed to her. I repeated part of the 103d Psalm. She assented that it was expressive of her feelings. I saw *Ann Patton's* Prayer-book lying by her. I directed her attention to it. She, though a member of the Baptist Church, esteemed it very highly. She observed, that, as the sailor says, it is my Chart. I gave her to understand that she must esteem the Bible first, and the Prayer-book next.

*Eliza Hill* had covered the Tract, "*Come and Welcome to Jesus Christ.*" She wished to retain it. She read it repeatedly. It was a comfort to her.

*Mrs. Gillett*, seems to be more favorably impressed. She says that the Tract "*Come and Welcome to Jesus Christ,*" has been more blessed to her than anything she has read. It is so plain.

*Eliza Krips* was so much gratified with the Tract, "*An Office for the Sick,*" that she desired to keep it. It expresses her very feelings. It has been a source of comfort to her.

*Sarah Dring* is anxiously inquiring the path-way of eternal life. She had been prejudiced against Tracts. The

Tract by Rev. John Newton, "*First the Blade, then the Ear, after that the full Corn in the Ear,*" seemed to have favorably impressed her mind.

Catharine Robbins received more comfort from the Tract, "*The Cross of Christ,*" than from any that she ever read. She is now 72 years of age. Before she was 7 years old, she learned the hymn,

"And was I born to die,  
To lay this body down,  
And must my trembling spirit fly  
Into the world unknown?"

This hymn has followed her through life, and in the dead hour of night has been food for her mind and spirit.

Ann Tonse was much afflicted indeed. She was enabled to commit herself into the care and protection of the Lord. She found comfort in her mind. The Tract, "*'Tis all for the Best,*" has been of more benefit to her than a thousand dollars.

An individual who had, perhaps, prematurely taken comfort to himself, had his temporary comfort unhinged by the Tract that I left with him, the "*Inquiry, Am I Prepared to Die.*"

In the neighborhood of Radnor Church, I was informed, that I gave to an individual some tracts, some years since. She took them to her neighborhood. During a revival of religion they were handed about, perhaps especially among inquiring souls, and they were the means of affording relief or comfort, especially to one person, if not of encouraging others. Glory to the Lord forever. Amen.

The following note shows the happy influence of *one* visit, *when blessed of the Lord.*

"Dear Brother in the Lord:—

I take this opportunity to let you know I am heartily thankful for your kind visit to my dear husband. I feel that you were indeed sent of the Lord. You have been the means of turning his face once more Zionward. He united himself with the people of God the next Sabbath after you were here. I hope you will call and see us soon again. Yours, with respect,

ANN H."

The Lord be praised forever. Amen.

I still desire to remark, that the simple extracts which I give from my Journal, time after time, may present more correct views of the progressive work of grace in the heart, than if I summed up the case in few words.—This plan may also afford interesting encouragement to others, who are laboring to have Christ found in their souls,



the earnest and hope of glory. Thus also the Report may be *usefully circulated as a Tract* on particular occasions.

April 3d, *Eliza Hanson* has a child a few weeks old.— It is feared she will not recover. I gave her some intimation of the unfavorable circumstances of her case. She received it in a becoming manner. She informed me that she felt ready when the Lord should call. She experienced a change in the Pennsylvania Hospital, perhaps, a year last winter. Oh Lord, make her perfect in Holiness and Love, for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

The 4th, I baptized her child, in the Blockley Alms House.

The 25th, I found her very low indeed. It was with difficulty she could converse. She was truly in a peaceful, tranquil frame of mind and soul. She was happy in the comfortable assurances of salvation. The terror and fear of death were gone. She was looking and desiring that her sweet Jesus should come and take her by the hand, and lead her to himself. She was enabled cheerfully to give up *her babe, her only child*, to go to her blessed Jesus. She seemed especially to desire to talk about the blessings and joys of his presence. She desired that I should see somewhat after her child; also, that I should attend to her burial, &c. She conversed as composedly on this subject, as though she was about to set off on a happy journey.— She saw nothing here but a dark cloud, but she had blessed sunshine beyond this earthly scene. She had no doubt. I might rest assured that Jesus would take her to himself.

After a few hours, I again went to Eliza's bed side.— She seemed almost dying. Her voice had nearly failed. She was, however, enabled to say a few words. Her language was, Bless the Lord. She still seemed in a blessed and tranquil frame of mind. Thus *dying, in the Alms House*, she was indeed an object worthy of the envy of man, and the subject of rejoicing with angels. In the first visit, she said she was ignorant of many things. But the Lord had made her wise unto salvation. Oh Lord, make her perfect in holiness and love, and finally may I meet and reign with her in thy presence, where is fulness of joy and pleasures forever more, for Jesus Christ sake, Amen, *Amen, Amen*.

The 26th; a friend who attended Eliza, informed me that she said yesterday, I know that Jesus loves me, and I shall go to that happy place where Saints immortal rest. I feel assured of this. I feel it in my breast. I shall be clothed in white, and have palms of victory. She said repeatedly, *Sweet Jesus*. She also observed, my burthen is heavy, but

my reward is great. After this she said, *Come Jesus, come.* Last night she said, I have no doubt but I shall walk the golden streets. This morning she repeated, *my sweet Jesus, my Heavenly Jesus, I shall soon be with Thee.* To day she said, I shall soon be home, clear from all my sufferings. About 15 minutes before her death she said, *Farewell sister, I have a bright prospect before me.* These were the last words she uttered.

She was 28 years of age. She left her *deranged husband* in the *Alms House*, also *her only child, a babe.*—  
BLESS THE LORD, that He can make the soul rise superior to all outward circumstances of sorrow, poverty and distress: yea

He can make a dying bed,  
Feel soft as downy pillows are,  
While on his breast we lean our heads,  
And breath our souls out sweetly there.

April 27th, 1845, I attended her body from the Alms House to the grave, and officiated on the occasion.—  
BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD. *Amen.*

Friday, May 9th, I officiated at the funeral of Emily Wilson Hanson, the only child of Eliza Hanson.

*Elizabeth Vantrump* has the witness of being accepted in Jesus. She thinks she would go to a better world.

May 1st; she is in her 90th year. She is looking forward to death, and feels ready to give her hand to the Lord.—  
She often repeats,

“Jesus only will I know,  
And Jesus Crucified.”

This hymn she learned when 7 years of age. Another she repeated, or a part of it, which she committed when she was 4 years of age. These, and perhaps some other hymns, have been a comfort to her during her life, at times. She followed nursing for about 20 years. When thus occupied in a dark room, these hymns have been her comfort, &c., or to that affect.

The 12th, she is still relying upon Jesus.

The 26th, she is gratefully exercised. She trusts that she is on her way to the Saviour. Her mind is favorably stored with hymns.

April 23d, 1846, she is very low indeed. She again repeated,

Only Jesus will I know,  
And Jesus Crucified.

The 25th, she repeated the same words.

September, 15th, *John B. Sewel* is interestingly affected on the subject of his soul.

The 29th, he was much and gratefully and humbly affected. He appears to be in the exercise of true godly sorrow for sin. He is painfully impressed with a view of *his sins against God*. As we arose from prayer, he said, with an overflowing heart, *I do hate sin, I do love God*.— Oh Lord, in mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake, grant him repentance not to be repented of, by thy Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen. Amen.

October, 6th, he expresses himself as contented with the will of the Lord.

The 13th, he seems to have a strong mind, and at times expresses very correct views indeed of spiritual things. In a former visit he expressed the *idea*,—When I am in Heaven, if my God was not there it would be no Heaven to me. And on earth his happiness would consist in the presence of God. To day he expressed, that there was nothing little or trifling in the things of God or religion: also, there was no merit in all we do. Oh Lord, in mercy, lead him into all truth to the saving of his soul, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The 18th, he gives evidences of having been acquainted with some exercises of the penitent sinner. He thinks meanly of himself.

The 24th, he seems to be interestingly exercised.

The 25th, he loves to dwell upon the subject of Religion—upon the Scriptures. He sees the greatness, and goodness, and glory of God, and his own sinfulness. Oh Lord, lead him into all truth for Jesus Christ sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

December, 16th, 1845, I officiated at his funeral.

January 31st, 1846, *Martha Smith* expresses herself as an experienced Christian. *She finds comfort in looking unto the Lord*.

*Mrs. Mary Patterson*, the widow of David Patterson, died June 15th, 1843, in the 47th year of her age. In my Journal of Feb. 28th, 1842, I have the following notice of my first visit to her.

Mrs. Patterson belongs to St. Peter's Church; but she desires me to visit her, as her Pastor cannot attend as often as desired. She is anxious to be prepared for death, as her health is failing her. Her family formerly attended St. Paul's Church. In the time of Dr. McGaw, they left and went to the Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the third Presbyterian Church about 5 years. She was

drawn to attend again to the peculiarities of our Church, by the Rev. Dr. Bedell. Then she was attracted by Rev. Dr. DeLancey to St. Peter's Church. She continued a member here about 9 years, to the time of her death. I have been attending her, more or less frequently, about 19 months. Towards the close of her life, a part of the time, I visited her every day and sometimes twice a day. Some of the exercises of her mind and soul were truly grateful, and the view of them is well designed to be useful. She might perhaps have more speedily enjoyed the comforts of the Gospel, if she had not been so absorbed with the view of her past sins, and had her faith more centered on Christ Jesus.

1843, Feb. 6th, she had strong desires after holiness—to be free from sin. She had, I trust, a godly sorrow and an humble faith, but she was scarcely willing to cherish such a belief.

May 27th, she expressed herself that her time was not long here. She thought that the Lord would not cast her away. She had great comfort, night before last, through the night, by the expression of the Saviour when hanging on the cross. *It is finished.* Her whole trust was in Jesus.—The 29th, she had been very low. She exhorted those around her on the atonement. She believed that Jesus interceded for her. She had a comfortable trust in Jesus as her Saviour, and in Heaven as her home. She felt that *all was well* as to her. This expression was induced by my suggesting my text, *Is it well with thee, &c.*

The 30th, she was very ill indeed. The great desire of her soul was to be pure and holy, and meet for Heaven.—She felt a confidence that God would save her, as he would receive all that came to him, &c. She humbly and tremblingly hoped that she had experienced that godly sorrow and that living faith.

June 1st, she was very sick. When she first awoke that morning, perhaps, she could not find language to express her feelings of gratitude to God. The 3d, she was still lingering here in distress of body. But she had comfort in her soul. She observed, *I felt this morning, if He would come and meet me, how gladly would I stretch my wings and pass through the gates of death.* The Lord Jesus will be my portion for me in Heaven. She thought that she had this confidence. She felt with David, “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” She has thought much of the 51st and 23d Psalm. At my second visit she was very feeble indeed.



Her whole trust was in Jesus. She trusted that he would bring her off conqueror.

The 5th, she was still living, in a feeble state of body. She had the same comfortable trust in the Redeemer, as she had before expressed to me. The desire of her inmost soul was, to be perfect in holiness and love. Her whole trust was in Jesus. She felt a comfortable hope that Jesus was her Saviour, and Heaven her home.

The 6th, she was very feeble. She was looking for that rest which remains for the people of God. She hoped to gain that rest only through Jesus. Jesus was precious to her.

The 7th, she was yet alive. The night before, or that morning, a black spot was discovered on her foot. Her mother was alarmed and distressed. But she said, she felt tranquil. She trusted in Jesus that he would bring her through. When her mother observed, it is a mortification, Mrs. Patterson immediately responded, Thanks be to God, merciful God, merciful God, this time to-morrow I shall be before thy throne. I found her very feeble at my second visit this day. She had no will of her own, but desired that the will of the Lord should be done. I mentioned, there remaineth a rest for the people of God. She referred to the blessedness of that rest after these trials, &c. She had no fear of death. She had a comfortable trust that Jesus would bring her off conqueror.

The 8th, she felt tranquil. She had continued composure of mind. Jesus was truly precious to her. She had no desire to recover. She desires the will of the Lord to be done. The 9th, she seemed painfully affected in body.—She felt it better to depart and be with Christ; not only that she would be thus relieved from affliction, &c., but far more because there she would be free from sin. She was a little revived since my last visit. She heard a sermon many years before, from a gentleman from Georgia, from the text, “He will put them out by little and little,” &c., and she thought it would be so with her. But she felt assured that every evil, though by little and little, should be entirely expelled.

Monday the 12th. On Saturday evening, perhaps, she was under a cloud, and feared the Lord would let her pass alone through the valley of death. But yesterday she was entirely relieved, and had a joyful and blessed day with God. To-day her mind wandered some, occasionally. She was anxious not to have her mind taken from her. But she was submissive. She had no will of her own. At my second visit, she gave me further testimony as to her exercises yes-



terday. She believes that her sins are pardoned. She had a perfect assurance of her sins being pardoned yesterday. She had sweet communion with the Lord. Now she felt no more doubt of her salvation, than if she was already in the Saviour's arms.

The 14th, she was very weak and low. She said she felt very humble at the view of her sins, or to that effect.—But she had not her confidence shaken in her Saviour.—She had the same assurance of her salvation.

The 15th, the day of her death, between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, she informed a friend that she felt she was dying—that her last struggle was come. She asked the female friend to pray with her, for she felt that God could help her. In the devotion, she repeated, *Amen*, distinctly. She raised her eyes and said, *Father, not my will but thine be done*. She then said she would wait God's time. She struggled much for breath. She referred to myself, that my prayers had been a comfort to her. On former occasions, she repeatedly had made a similar reference.—*The Lord be praised to whom alone the praise belongs*.—*Amen. Amen. Amen*. She repeated after a friend, *Lord Jesus receive my spirit*. She then repeated herself, *Father into thy hands I commend my spirit*. Her friend observed as she parted with her, I hope the Saviour will be with you to comfort and strengthen you. She answered, *I trust so*. About half an hour before her death she was observed to clasp her hands together three times in the attitude of devotion. This was the last sign of consciousness which she gave. She died at 9½ o'clock at night. *Bless the Lord for the precious hope entertained that she has made a happy exchange of worlds*.

*Mrs. Mary Inness*, the mother of *Mrs. Patterson*, was, I trust, an humble, devoted handmaiden of the Lord.

May 18th, she seemed considerably enlightened in the doctrines of experimental religion.

January 27th, she seems to be an humble and true Christian. She has been a professor of religion for upwards of thirty years. She belonged to the Third Presbyterian, till finally she went to St. Peter's Church, Protestant Episcopal. *Her mother was pious from her childhood*. She appears to live in the enjoyment of religion at times, and then she finds her thoughts wander. Her daughter, *Mrs. Patterson*, who died some time since, had a grateful experience. I had a precious or grateful interview with her. Bless the Lord forever. Amen.

February 4th, she has an humble, and sometimes, rather

a trembling hope of salvation. But she would not part with her hope, such as it is, for ten thousand worlds. I examined with her, my account of the exercises and death of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Patterson, who died in June 1843. She approves of it, and is willing I should publish it with the name of her daughter.

November 18th, she was considered very ill. She gives evidence of being an humble, trembling, devoted handmaiden of the Lord. She has that hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Oh Lord perfect the work in holiness and love, for Jesus Christ sake. Amen.

The 19th, she was more comfortable in her mind, perhaps. She was looking forward to that land where there is no sea.

The 20th, she has a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Her whole soul is drawn out on this point. She trusts she has a change, and her sins are pardoned. But she fears being presumptuous.

The 22d, she has been in a grateful state of mind. She has been meditating with pleasure the time of her going to that world where there is no sin. Jesus is precious to her. The words that I was enabled to speak to her, she felt them with power. *Not unto us, not unto us, Oh Lord, but unto thy name be all the praise forever. Amen.*

The 23d, she is happy in the precious hopes of the Gospel. She would not be presumptuous, but she has a comfortable hope that her sins are pardoned. She feels that when Jesus suffered on the cross, *her sins were there.*

The 24th, she is laboring under such peculiar trials and sufferings of body, that it prevents and interferes with her spiritual duties and enjoyments. But she can say, *though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him.* Oh Heavenly Father, give her relief, peace, comfort, holiness and salvation in thy good time, for Jesus Christ's sake, and thine shall be the praise and glory forever, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 27th, she looks or longs for her release. She has an humble confidence that she will have a release when called to die. Oh Lord grant her a joyful entrance into thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Thursday, December 2d, 1847, Mrs. Mary Inness died the fore part of this day. I trust she has made a happy exchange of worlds. *Bless the Lord forever. Amen.*

The closing scene of *Miss Ann Mendenhall*, was grateful. It was, as might be anticipated, of one who had been for years a devoted and consistent Christian. In my

journal of March 13th, 1843, I have mentioned, She is very low in a consumption. She appears to be favorably exercised in the concerns of her salvation. Jesus is precious to her. She desires to be holy. The 17th, she is, I trust, an humble handmaid of the Lord. She would not give up her hopes for ten thousand worlds. The 20th, she is weak and low indeed, but she is strong in the Lord. The 21st, she is, perhaps, near death. She is comfortable and composed in her mind. She has the blessed consolations of the Gospel. Jesus is her's, and she is his. She requested me to come to-morrow if she was alive. The 22d, she died last night. She was sensible to the last moment, and bid farewell the moment before she went. She felt herself safe, for she was upon the *rock, Christ*. We trust her's was the death of the righteous. She passed away sweetly and calmly as a summer's eve, into the bosom of her blessed Saviour.

*Mrs. Sarah Overall*, my mother-in-law, died November 8th, 1843, in the 75th year of her age. She united herself to the people of God, about 40 years, perhaps, before death. From her natural timidity and gloomy temperament of mind, she had not that comfort in religion that it was the privilege of some to enjoy. But she possessed a strong, hearty desire for these spiritual blessings of the Gospel. She did give up all, and desired the Lord to take full possession of her heart. She had a hope that the Lord would not cast her off. This she indulged from his promises to those who trust in him. She had come to him. She hated sin; she hungered and thirsted after righteousness; she grieved that she did not feel her sins more. She was afraid she had not felt her sins as others had. For some short time before her death, I was more drawn towards her relative to her salvation. She expressed herself that she thought the Lord would save her. She did put her whole trust in the Lord. She truly desired holiness. On the morning preceding her death, she said she would not be here but a few days. About half an hour before she died, she breathed with more difficulty. Providentially, I was at home. I was called to see her as dying. I soon found that she was changed. I at once directed her to look unto the Saviour. She said "*my whole trust is there.*" These were among her last words. We engaged in prayer. After this, finding that she was sinking, we again bowed in prayer. I continued in this attitude, in repeated and continued prayer, &c., till she calmly breathed away her immortal spirit into the hands of Him who gave it. May we not humbly hope that her trembling faith in the blessed Redeemer was answered in

the full enjoyment of the Celestial Paradise? Oh Lord, I bless and praise thy holy name for the blessed testimony.

I was called upon to visit *Alpheus Cooper*, in the Pennsylvania Hospital. I found him deeply afflicted with bodily disease. It was difficult for him to speak. But I soon recognized in him a *beloved Brother in Christ*. He was a member, perhaps, for many years, of Rev. James Patterson's Church, N. L. He seems to be an experienced and happily exercised child of God, preparing, yea, nearly prepared for our Heavenly Father's House.

As requested, I visited *Miss S.* She presented a melancholy countenance. She was a member of a Church, but she had lost her comfort, and even suggested that she had committed the unpardonable sin. This morning, perhaps, she felt better, and concluded that she would obtain mercy, or to that effect. I spent much time with her, and after praying twice, seemed to leave her somewhat more comfortable. I wished her to look upon herself as a great and lost sinner, and then look to Jesus, whose blood cleanses from all sin, truly repented of. She seems to have those features of the Christian which disqualify her for hell. May the Lord afford true comfort and take all the glory to Himself for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*Mary Walker* died last night. Her case may be viewed as a blessed manifestation of the renewing and sanctifying grace of God. When I first attended her, she was in a distressed state of mind. But her mind has been relieved, and for *weeks* she has been favored with the enjoyments of peace and comfort in the Gospel, I trust. *The Lord alone be praised.* Amen.

It may be profitable to record more in detail some of her exercises.

April 23d, 1845, she was much diseased in body. Her mind is more peaceful and comfortable. She feels a change. She has much improved in her feelings. She desires to be holy. Oh Lord, make her holy, by thy Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, and thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

The 28th, she feels a hundred fold happier than when I first visited her.

May 6, she is feeble in body, but she has comfort in her soul. She feels neither anxious for life nor for death. Her feelings are very different from what they were some time since.

The 10th, she is comfortable in her mind. Her hope is in Jesus. When I first visited her, or about that time, she had no rest in mind, night nor day. She could not see how



her sins could be pardoned. Now, all that feeling is gone. She thinks her sins are pardoned. She would rather die than live. Bless the Lord forever. Amen.

The 12th, she feels a comfortable trust in Jesus. He is precious to her. He is her Saviour, and Heaven her home. Of this she is almost relieved of doubt.

The 14th, she is feeble in body, but she is happy in soul. All the fear of death is gone.

The 16th, she is still in a comfortable frame of mind and soul. I repeated some of the promises, "*Fear thou not, for I am with thee,*" &c. &c. The promises are sweet to her. She again mentioned her being in such distress, some time since—seeing no way in which she could obtain pardon of her sins. Now, all these feelings are gone. She thinks her sins are pardoned. She would now, rather not get well. She is happy in Jesus as her Saviour, in the hope of Heaven as her home. Bless the Lord forever. Amen. Oh Heavenly Father, be pleased to perfect the work of holiness in her heart, unto eternal perfection. Amen.

The 20th, she has no fear of death. She is happy in the Lord.

The 24th, now she has peace of mind. Nothing troubles her, life or death, or anything in the world. Sometimes when she thinks of her children, she has a feeling and something of a desire, as to them. But she wishes the will of the Lord to be done. She trusts in Jesus,—none but Jesus. Oh Heavenly Father, make her perfect in holiness and love for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The 31st, she seems to be in about the same comfortable trust.

June 3d, she is still comfortable in the Lord.

The 6th, she seems to be sinking in body, but she continues comfortable in her mind. She thinks she will be saved through the blessed Redeemer. She seems assured that she is a changed person. My visit appears grateful to her. Oh Lord, make her perfect in holiness and love, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The 9th, she seems to be rapidly preparing for death. She expressed herself as longing for Jesus to come. I said, not so much to get clear of pain, she answered no,—but to be like him, and to be with him? she responded, yes.

The 11th, she is very low indeed. She has about the same comfortable state of mind. She feels that Jesus is her Saviour, and Heaven will be her home.

The 13th, she bows assent that she has the same comfortable hope that she will be saved, &c.

June 14th, 1845, she died last night.



September 20th, *Ellen Cavelier*, in the *Alms House*, is in a very grateful state of mind. She said, in substance, I would not exchange with *Queen Victoria*, for she must give up, or leave her crown, but I am looking forward to my crown, which shall never be taken from me.

April 25th, she is very low. I referred her to one of her former expressions, "*I would not exchange with Queen Victoria.*" She said no, not for hundreds, or thousands, or millions of Victorias!

May 2d, 1845, she was dead. She was resigned to go.

January 31st, 1846, *Martha Farr*, in the Blockley Alms House, seemed to be a poor suffering woman indeed, from a cancerous affection. Oh Lord, relieve, strengthen, uphold and save her, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

February 7th, she thinks that she will soon die. She has experienced a blessed change in her mind. She now feels her sins are pardoned, that she will be saved. She has no doubt of her acceptance with God, or of her salvation. She was very anxious to see me indeed, and the Lord sent me there without my knowing her particular desire. Bless the Lord forever. Amen.

The 13th, she is a great sufferer, but she feels that the Lord is on her side.

The 23d, she is a great sufferer indeed. She feels a comfortable hope in Jesus, that she will be saved. She trusts that she is changed. Oh Lord, sustain and bless, comfort and save her, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

March 2d, I went to the Blockley Alms House to attend the funeral of *Martha Farr*.

*Matthew S Parker* experienced a wonderful change.

March 13th, his mother came for me to go and see her son, who might die this night. I went and had an interesting interview with *Matthew*. He is very low, in the consumption. After inquiring relative to his state of body, &c., and hearing some account of his pains, &c., I at once directed him to Christ. He answered, *I want you to show me the way*. I endeavored to give him something of the Gospel plan.

It seems that he has neglected the concerns of religion, until he is now about 36 years of age. And it was only about an hour before his mother came for me that he expressed, perhaps, a willingness or a desire that I should be sent for. He had been almost distracted with the view of his situation. He felt his heart hard, and feared that there was no mercy for him. After considerable conversation,

and informing him of the experience of Miss Cecelia A. Tylor of Dumfries, Virginia, about 30 years since, I engaged in prayer for him. He was much impressed: and during prayer, for a moment, had a glimpse of Heaven, and felt that there was mercy for him. He afterwards said, *Oh why cannot I always feel as at that moment?* I prayed repeatedly for him. He was more favorably exercised, and cherished something of a hope of mercy. He was determined to continue going to Christ, &c., and if he perished, to perish in the effort, or to that effect. *Oh Lord lead him into all saving truth for Jesus Christ's sake, by thy Holy Spirit, and take all the glory to thyself forever, Amen.*

The 16th, I found him cherishing desponding views of himself. I showed him that he was drawing conclusions from wrong premises. From his own showing, &c., he was not so fit for hell as he feared. He had feelings, &c., which were not found in hell. He was comforted. The Lord be praised.

The 25th, he seems still more favorably exercised in his Christian experience. He has more of benevolence and love to his fellows. The 27th, he had been very ill, but he is now revived some. He was desirous of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, if I thought him prepared, or thought proper. As I first came up to his bed he smiled and said, he had found peace. I then endeavored to examine the character of that peace. He found peace last night after he had recovered from a severe illness. His love to God and to the Lord Jesus was increased: and his love is peculiar to his fellows. After examining, to a considerable extent, his state of mind and heart, I become satisfied, and administered the Lord's Supper to him in the presence of his father, mother and sister. He humbly hopes that his sins are pardoned. When his sister, perhaps, seemed to him to display sorrow, he said, "I AM HAPPY." He has made the surrender of himself to the blessed Lord forever, I trust. He certainly seems to be truly a changed man. Oh Lord, in mercy, search him and try him and see what evil there is in him, and lead him in the way everlasting, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The 28th, he is very weak and low.

April 1st, he still lives and gives evidence of a change in his feelings and movements. He does feel a dependence on Christ, and he does resolve, that by the Lord's help he will be entirely the Lord's. Oh Lord help and save, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Wednesday, April 8th, 1846, I officiated at his funeral.

*Mrs. Eliza Tylor* was induced to attend upon my humble ministry, as she had opportunity, for perhaps about twenty years. She generally enjoyed good health, and was an humble inquirer after the consolations of religion. Finally, her health failed. November 7th, 1849. I have mentioned in my journal, she "is quite feeble in health. Her whole trust is in the Lord Jesus."

December 8th, she has not that comfortable and clear view of her acceptance as she desires. Oh Heavenly Father, give it to her, for Jesus Christ's sake, by thy Holy Spirit, and thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

The 12th, she is very low indeed. In my second visit to-day, she expressed herself gratefully in these words, viz : "I CAN BLESS HIM FOR ALL THAT IS PAST, AND TRUST HIM FOR ALL THAT IS TO COME." May the Lord sanctify her in body, mind and soul, and bring her off conqueror and more than conqueror over sin, sorrow, death and hell, by the Holy Spirit, through Him who hath loved her and given himself for her ; and thine shall be the glory forever, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Wednesday, December 13th, she died this morning. She desired that I should officiate at her funeral, or to that effect. Oh Heavenly Father, sanctify all to thy great glory, and the eternal benefit of all concerned, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Friday, the 15th, I officiated at her funeral.

In Christ Jesus the rich and the poor meet together, and are one in feeling, one in experience, one in hope, one in blessedness. This is evidenced in the following extract from my journal. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1847. *Mrs. Ann Brubston*, observed to this effect, "*Bless His name, I would not give up my hopes for ten thousand worlds.*" This was the feeling of a rich woman. The same day a poor woman, *Lois Ward*, said, *She would not give up her hopes for ten thousand worlds.* Bless the Lord forever. Amen.

*Elizabeth S. Dolby* was highly favored with grateful exercises in her closing scene. I commenced visiting her November 4th, 1843, and continued my visits till her death, January 2d, 1844.

November 4th, she was interestingly engaged in the concerns of her salvation.

December 1st, she was anxious to be taught the right way. She had been advised to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I advised her not to receive it now, but to seek for the new heart and the proper disposition.

She preferred placing herself under my direction. Oh Lord I beseech Thee, to enable me, as an humble instrument in thy hands, to lead her in the way of everlasting life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. And thine shall be the glory forever. Amen. Amen. Amen. *Oh Lord, who is sufficient for this great responsibility?* The 5th, she feels more quietude in her mind. She thinks it arises, perhaps, from more of a trust in Jesus.

The 8th, she seems to be improving in her feelings. But she does not feel that change of heart that she is looking for.

The 19th, she desires the will of the Lord to be done. The 28th, she seems to have, as her chief desire, a new heart. She is opposed to sin, and longs for a new heart. She again suggested the receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I still discouraged the idea, fearing that it might interfere with the work in her. *As she seemed now to be struggling into life*, I wished to do nothing to interfere. She was submissive to my suggestion.

January 1st, she is feeble in body. She appeared more favorably exercised than ever. She does love Jesus more than her mother, or any one. She feels that she is changed in her feelings, views, desires, &c. Upon reflection, she would rather depart and be with Christ. She can say, not my will, but thine be done. She does take pleasure in the duties of religion. Oh Lord, sanctify and save her for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Amen. Amen.

January 2d. She seemed near her departure. She has her whole trust in the Lord. She hopes her sins are pardoned, that she is changed by the Holy Spirit. She has not the fear of death. She appears to be *an humble Lamb of the flock of Christ*. Oh Lord make her thine forever. Amen, Amen. On my second visit I found her dead.

Previous to her death, she still gave additional evidence that she was about to make a happy exchange of worlds. *Bless the Lord forever. Amen.*

January 5th. I obtained some particulars of the death scene of *Elizabeth S. Dolby*. She was eighteen years of age. Her first Sabbath School was St. Paul's. She also attended Trinity Church Sunday-school, and then at Holmesburgh. The day before her death she said to a connection, I feel that "I am sinking very fast, my race is nearly run, I am almost at my journey's end. I wish it were to-day." After she made this expression she said, "that is wrong, I should be more patient." She then engaged in prayer in an interesting manner. She especially prayed for patience,



submission and resignation. After this she repeated the hymn,

“Jesus, Saviour of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly.”

The morning of the day of her death, she said, “I believe I am dying—can this be death!” She then observed, “thy will, O God, and not mine, be done.” She called her young sisters to her and exhorted them to be kind to each other, and to be dutiful and affectionate to their mother, and to prepare to come after her. On the occasion of some things being sent to her, she said, my Heavenly Father inclines them to be kind to me. About five minutes before her death she asked to be raised up, and with great difficulty she attempted to repeat the first line of the Hymn:

“Jesus can make a dying bed,  
Feel soft as downy pillows are;  
While on his breast I lean my head  
And breath my soul out sweetly there.”

A connection then repeated the whole verse and asked Elizabeth if that was what she wanted to say; she answered yes. She then observed, “It is all dark, I cannot see you.” She then raised her voice so that she was heard in the next room, “*good bye all, good bye.*” Her voice then sunk and she whispered, “*I am going home.*” She then died immediately.

From her childhood she has been very conscientious in her attention to her Bible and private prayer.

January 4th. I officiated at her funeral. Her obituary was published in the Episcopal Recorder.

In closing, it will be very appropriate here to use some expressions of my last Report.

Even from the view thus presented of our past movements, shall we not bless and praise the Lord indeed? Can any individual who has in any way contributed to sustain this operation, imperfect as it is, regret the expenditure of funds, of time, or of talents in the promotion of our City Mission? The children of this world are wiser in their generation, than the children of light. They are at once attracted by the prospect of gain; and they are led to strenuous efforts, to make large investments in a safe and profitable stock. Oh, what stock so safe, what investment so important, as that which has the promise of the unchangeable Jehovah for its security, and the ever increasing joys of Heaven for its reversion! Shall not the speedy prospect of the opening scenes of *eternal blessedness, or eternal wo to ourselves, and to our*



*fellow creatures*;—yea, shall not the *Love of Christ* constrain us to equal zeal and devotion in our Heavenly work? Shall angels stand ready to rejoice on the repenting of *one sinner*, and shall we not be stimulated, cheerfully, to give of our *time*, of our *talents*, and of our *funds*, to promote the salvation of *those for whom Christ died*? When we, in the Judgment Day come to sum up the true profit and loss of all our movements in this world, what, think you, will inspire us with the most transporting delight? When the world and all its riches and glory have passed away, and nothing but hell or Heaven stands open to the Immortal Mind, *what then will be our view of present plans and works*? Shall we then regret any sacrifice, however great, any labor, however extended, any suffering however trying, by which we may have been made the humble instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father, our blessed Redeemer, and Sanctifier, of helping *one poor Lazarus* out of the horrible pit of sin and depravity, to a *secure and holy, and joyful resting on Christ Jesus forever*?

Oh may the Lord, by his Holy Spirit, constrain each one of us so to act with reference to this, and every other benevolent and pious work, that we may give up our final account with joy, and not with sorrow. Amen. Amen. Amen.

As for myself, may the Lord give me an increasing desire to be more and more holily and usefully occupied in the blessed cause of the Gospel of God our Saviour. Amen.

I still desire to consider it as my great business, day after day, Sabbath after Sabbath, to endeavor, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to *preach* and *live* the Gospel of the Son of God in simplicity and godly sincerity. My present scene of labor is, the City and its Liberties. Also, as God in his providence directs, in country, in town, in village, yea, every where, I would not cease to teach, and to preach Jesus Christ, with an anxious desire to save both myself and them that hear me. May the Lord make us faithful, wise, holy, useful, and happy in his blessed service, and to his Holy name, FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST, be all the praise and glory forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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